

19 June 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Counterinsurgency Policy Meeting 19 June

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1. At the request of [REDACTED] CA Staff, the undersigned attended a meeting in the DOD on the above subject. In attendance were

Mr. O'Donnell, ISA, Chairman
Wm. H. Godel, DDR&E
Floyd Van Hoosen, DDR&E
T. N. Chavis, JCS

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2. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss means to answer the Special Group's request for a study on co-ordination of R&D for counterinsurgency. It seems that Mr. Gilpatric and Mr. McCone have been asked to get together and provide a mechanism for co-ordination of R&D as applied to counterinsurgency and to report back to the Special Group.

3. As background, approximately 1 year ago ARPA undertook to start a modest program in R&D in support of counter guerrilla activities. To this end a major study group was convened and a paper was prepared recommending R&D in various fields. A Combat Development Center was set up in Saigon, and TSD supplied an engineer full time. It seems that now all 3 Services have generated considerable activity in both R&D and operations for counterinsurgency and may be going their separate ways. It is not at all clear as to the specific purpose of this request by the Special Group. However, it appears to be an attempt to form a method of bringing the U. S. effort to bear in a co-ordinated manner on the subject of counterinsurgency, especially with emphasis on R&D.

4. The following was concluded at this meeting:

a) The subjects will be broken down into the following:

1. Tactical command and control.
2. Intelligence systems

3. Mobility
4. Firepower
5. Personal Gear
6. Logistics
7. Operations Research

b) A Steering Group, chaired by ISA and consisting of representatives from JCS, DDR&E, Army, Navy, AF and CIA, would be formed. A series of subcommittees on each of the subjects listed in paragraph 4 a would be formed to write reports in each of those areas.

c) It was decided that SE Asia would be chosen as Number One priority and that a distinction would be made between R&D on end items for U. S. troop use and R&D on items for indigenous personnel use.

5. The Agency is to nominate its member or members on the Steering Group by Friday, 22 June, and the subcommittees' members within the next 10 days.

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6. [REDACTED] is currently of the opinion that someone from his group will represent operations, but that someone must be assigned to the Steering Group from research and development. At the present standing most of the research is being conducted by TSD with a portion on communications being done under OC. It is not at all clear that the DD/R has any active interest in this area. It seems unwise for the DD/R to involve itself in this subject unless we are going to have some sort of responsibility. It appears that a considerable investment in manhours will be required in attending committee meetings, writing reports and probably a TDY.

7. Attached are a list of the DOD and Agency projects which have been identified as being pertinent to counterinsurgency. The DOD list contains a considerable number which seem to have little application on this subject.

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CIA R&D Projects
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